

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning at line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

In comparison with the storage 60 of the first embodiment, the storage 60a further comprises a port ~~64a~~65a as an interface with the storage 60b, and a transfer delay unit 66 for delaying data reflection from the storage volume 64 onto a replicated volume 67 for a certain period of time.